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Hello,

I would like to lodge my objection to what has been advised as a 33% increase in rates.

As a resident and mortgage payer in Mollymook I feel that this above average rate rise is not sustainable and will cause a large amount of financial stress in a region that is unable to afford it.

The council is heavily focussed on the Nowra region, and the communities further south are not receiving the benefit of these rises.

The lack of information regarding this proposed increases has caused confusion and upset and is further eroding trust in governing bodies.

Greater clarity is required about where money is being spent and why such an extraordinary rise is required for this region. Better fund management is also necessary for the Council and it is very concerning that they have rejected the offer of free financial experts to assist in rectifying this mis-balance of books.

Please ensure that Shoalhaven City Council cease implementing this rate rise until further investigation is done. An increase of 33% is unsustainable and unfair in a time where other financial instabilities (Centrelink family payment adjustments and another large increase in Private Health Care) are in play.

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